

# List of Māori deities

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This is a list of Māori deities, known in Māori as *atua*.

## Major departmental deities

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- Haumiatiketike, the god of uncultivated food, particularly bracken fern.
- Papatūānuku, the primordial earth mother.
- Ranginui, the primordial sky father.
- Rongomātāne, the god of cultivated foods, particularly sweet potato.
- Tānemahuta, the god of forests and birds.
- Tangaroa, the god of the Ocean and the creatures within.
- Tāwhirimātea, the god of storms and violent weather.
- Tūmatauenga, the god of war, hunting, cooking, fishing, and food cultivation.
- Whiro, the lord of darkness and embodiment of all evil and death.
- Aituā, the god of death, hapiness, and misfortune.
- Ao, a personification of light.
- Auahitūroa, the personification of comets, and the origin of the fire.
- Haere, several personifications of the rainbow.
- Ikatere, a fish god and father of all sea creatures.
- Io Matua Kore, the supreme being; personification of light and the world of the living and the forest.
- Kahukura, a war god who appears as the upper bow of a double rainbow.
- Kiwa, one of several divine guardians of the ocean.
- Makeatutara, the father of Māui and guardian of the underworld.
- Maru, the god of freshwater, southern god of war.
- Mataaho, a God of earthquakes and volcanoes from the Tāmaki Makaurau Region (Auckland).
- Māui, a demigod, culture hero, and trickster.
- Ngahue / Kahue, the god or discoverer of *pounamu*, the *taniwha* Poutini is his guardian.
- Pūhaorangi, a celestial being who descended from the heavens to sleep with the beautiful maiden Te Kuraimonoa.
- Punga / Hairi, the ancestor of sharks, lizards, rays, and all deformed, ugly things.
- Rehua, the star god with the power of healing.
- Rongomai, the name of a number of separate beings.
- Rongo, the god of crops and peace
- Ruauoko, the god of volcanoes, earthquakes, and seasons.
- Tamanuiterā, the personification of the sun.
- Tane-rore, the personification of shimmering air.
- Tāwhaki, a semi-supernatural being associated with thunder and lightning.
- Te Uira, the personification of lightning.
- Tiki, the first human, but sometimes is a child of Rangi and Papa, and creates the first human.

- Tinirau, a guardian of fish.
- Tūtewehiwehi, the father of all reptiles.
- Uenuku, a god of the rainbow, associated with war. Also a deified ancestor.
- Urutengangana, the god of the light.

## Female Atua

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- Ārohirohi, the goddess of mirages and shimmering heat.
- Hina, sister, or uncommonly, wife of Māui, associated with the moon.
- Hinekapea, the goddess of loyalty.
- Hinehōaka, the goddess of sandstone, the *taniwha* Whatipū is her guardian.
- Hinenuitepō, the goddess of night and death, and ruler of the underworld.
- Hinepūkohurangi, the goddess of the mist
- Ikaroa, the long fish that gave birth to all the stars in the Milky Way.
- Kui, the chthonic demigod.
- Mahuika, the goddess of fire.
- Moekahu, a lesser known goddess (or god) of Tūhoe whose form was of a dog (*kurī*), and a sibling of Haere.
- Rohe, the goddess of the spirit world.
- Tangotango, a celestial woman who fell in love with the great hero Tāwhaki and came to earth to become his wife.
- Tūāwhiorangi, the wife of Kahukura who manifests as the lower bow during a double rainbow.
- Whaitiri, the personification of thunder.

## See also

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